

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain in the application with claim 1 being independent.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the head 32 of the stud 28 engages both the groove and the center section of the plate. The new function is that the head and stud are wedged into place and are prevented from axial movement. None of the references disclose such a precise arrangement.

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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